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MASSAGE AND TACTILE STIMULATION DEVICE

This amendment is responsive to the office action of 3/22/02

Response to Claim Objections

Misnumbered claims 4 and 5 have been renumbered as 5 and 6. Misnumbered claims 6-8 have been renumbered as 8-10.

The objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) has been corrected by "a stationary bonding means" being shown by pressure sensitive adhesive 11 in FIG. 2. Applicant respectfully request advisement on the illustration of the "means for joining two pieces of materials."

Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph, but applicant has amended claims to overcome rejection as outlined.

Examiner rejected claims 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Wroclawski however the new claims as amended with friction areas and stationary projections at effective working areas versus "burls located at equal distances from each over the entire inside of the glove" clearly differentiate the present claims.

Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Lohati, however the new claims as amended clearly differentiates this present invention. Lohati teaches a rotating ball assembly 13 that is dimensioned to rotatably retain the ball 13b allowing the ball 13b to rotate easily in all directions while remaining captive within